

NEWS

ABOUT 20,000 sheets were added to the Kew Herbarium during 1907, 7000 of which were purchased.

R. H. LOCK, Cambridge University, has been appointed assistant director at the Royal Botanic Gardens of Peradeniya, Ceylon.

DR. CHARLES J. CHAMBERLAIN, University of Chicago, spent the month of March in Mexico in further study of *Dioon* and *Ceratozamia*.

AT THE MEETING of the British Association in Dublin next September, FRANCIS DARWIN will be general president, and F. F. BLACKMAN president of the section of botany (K).

THE SWEDISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES has granted to Professor C. F. O. NORDSTEDT 1000 kronor (\$270) for the purpose of printing a supplement to his *Index Desmidiacearum*.

DR. MAX KÖRNICKE, *privat-docent* in the University of Bonn, has been appointed to succeed Professor L. JOST as the professor of botany in the Agricultural College at Bonn-Poppelsdorf.

PROFESSOR SERGIUS NAWASCHIN, of the University of Kieff, completed on March 3 last twenty-five years of service as a teacher. The Society of Naturalists of Kieff on that day elected him an honorary member and arranged for further celebration of the occasion.

DR. J. N. ROSE, of the U. S. National Herbarium, left Washington March 17 for an extended trip through Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, southern California, and northern Mexico, for the purpose of studying Cactaceae in the field. His headquarters are at the Desert Laboratory at Tucson, Arizona.

"L'ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES BOTANISTES" will hold its next meeting at the University of Montpellier, beginning June 7, 1908, the meetings of standing committees being announced for the preceding day. Most attractive excursions are being planned. Members who intend to be present are urged to notify Professor FLAHAULT as soon as possible.

THE HERBARIUM of Dr. OTTO KUNTZE has been secured for the New York Botanical Garden, through the generosity of Mr. ANDREW CARNEGIE. It is estimated that the collection contains over 30,000 specimens, from all parts of the world. To American botanists the greatest interest of this collection is that it contains a large number of type specimens of tropical American and South American species.

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH, with portrait, of the late GEORGE E. DAVENPORT, who died November 27, 1907, at the age of 74 years, is published in *Rhodora* (10:1-9. 1908), prepared by F. S. COLLINS. A list of his botanical writings includes 109 titles. Mr. DAVENPORT'S contributions to the *BOTANICAL GAZETTE*

began with the second volume, and in the early volumes 28 contributions are credited to him.

GEBRÜDER BORNTRAEGER announce the inception of a new journal, *Zeitschrift für induktive Abstammungs- und Vererbungslehre*, under the editorship of Dr. E. BAUR (Berlin) and the general direction of CORRENS, HAECKER, STEINMANN, and VON WETTSTEIN. It will appear in octavo parts of variable size (how many are to form a volume is not stated, nor is the price announced), and is to contain contributions to the theory of evolution, whether from the field of paleontology, biology of living forms, taxonomy, physiological chemistry, or experimental evolution.

THE BOTANICAL PROGRAMME (February 14) of the Wisconsin Academy includes the following titles: Nuclear division in the vegetative cells of *Gentiana detonsa*, by R. H. DENNISTON; The blepharoplast in the development of the antherozoid in ferns, by RUTH F. ALLEN; Variations in macrospore formation in *Smilacina stellata*, by FRED McALLISTER; Nuclear division and spore formation in *Geoglossum*, by HALLIE D. M. JOLIVETTE; Nuclear structure and nuclear division in *Chrysoomyxa ledi*, by R. A. HARPER; The development of the male cells of a moss, by C. E. ALLEN.

DR. FRIEDERICH KÖRNICKE, Geheimer-Regierungsrat and professor in the Landwirtschaftliche Akademie at Bonn from 1867 to 1898, when he retired as *emeritus*, died on January 16, at the age of 80. He was a native of Pratau, near Wittenberg, studied under KUNTH, LINK, and ALEXANDER BRAUN in Berlin, where he served as assistant for seven years. After three years in St. Petersburg he went in 1859 to the agricultural school at Waldau, and in 1867 to Bonn. He was the author of monographs on Eriocaulaceae, Rapataceae, and Marantaceae. His important work, *Die Arten und Varietäten des Getreides*, was published at Bonn in 1885.

PROFESSOR W. A. KELLERMAN, in charge of the Department of Botany at Ohio State University, Columbus, died on March 8 in Guatemala from an attack of malarial fever, at the age of 57 years. Last December he went to Central America with a party of students to collect parasitic fungi and to study tropical vegetation, and this sudden death is a sacrifice to scientific zeal. His publications include such books as *The flora of Kansas*, a text book entitled *Elementary botany*, and numerous papers; but he was chiefly interested in the *Journal of Mycology*, of which he was editor and proprietor, and in the more recently established *Mycological Bulletin*, to which he held the same relation. He was a native of Ohio, graduated at Cornell University in 1871, received his doctor's degree at the University of Zurich in 1881, and held positions in a state normal school of Wisconsin, the State Agricultural College of Kansas, and the State University of Ohio, where he was in charge of the botany since 1891. Professor KELLERMAN was not only an enthusiastic student of his chosen subject, but he was also a man of fine and genial presence, who attached to himself all those who came into personal relations with him.